

# The Crossfield Chronicle

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## Crossfield Local News

**CROSSFIELD.**— Little Carole Stafford is confined to her home with the measles.

Fred Collins and family and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Mason spent a day at Pine Lake recently, doing a little fishing.

Lucille Mason spent last weekend at her home here.

The Bannister family, accompanied by Mrs. Lennon spent last Sunday at the Ole Malyk home at Aldrie.

Walter Harris spent a week's holiday working around home on some improvements.

Allan Matheson, field supervisor for the Mountain View municipality, spent a day in the district last week.

W. D. MacDonald, Liberal candidate for the Bow River riding in the forthcoming federal election, accompanied by Mr. Matt Schmalts of Beiseker, were in town for the day on Tuesday getting acquainted with some of the people he hopes will be voting for him on June 27.

The pallbearers for little Margaret Jean Hopkins were Roy Baxter, Ivan Brandon, Dale and Virgil Green.

Cyril Sexton went into the Col.

## Rockyford Man Elected Head of Municipal Secretary Group Convention

**ROCKYFORD.**— Frank Ewing, of Rockyford, was elected president of the Alberta Association of Municipal District Secretaries-Treasurers at the association's 27th annual convention at the University of Alberta.

The convention was held in connection with the 11th annual refresher course in municipal administration. It was held with about 100 municipal secretaries attending.

Other officers elected: Vice-president, Leonard Van Tighem, High River; secretary, R. F. Lawrence, Calgary; northern directors, W. A. Bradbury, Leduc and Michael Nemerski; southern directors, Robert Madill, Barons, and Walter Sharpin, Castor.

Secretaries heard two speakers, Hon. Peter Dawson, speaker of the legislative assembly, and W. F. Empey, secretary of Medical Services (Alberta) Incorporated.

Mr. Dawson spoke on parliamentary procedure and the conduct of meetings, while Mr. Empey discussed the plan for prepaire medical costs, and its place in the municipality. Discussion periods followed each address.

Annual banquet was held at the Macdonald hotel. Ler White, of Imperial Oil Limited marketing department, spoke on oil exploration in the municipalities.

## Louis Schmalts Is Honored

**BEISEKER.**— On Wednesday evening the boys of the ball club gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Schmalts for a surprise party to honor Louis Schmalts who has done so much for their club.

Fried chicken was the order of the day and the guest of honor was presented with a silver cocktail shaker.

Belcher hospital on Monday where he will be for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davins and daughters Ethel and Audrey of Wembley passed through town on Tuesday on their way to Calgary.

Sid Willis was home from Turner Valley for a day recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Stewart and family, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. George Murdoch, are motoring to Kansas, taking one of the children to see a specialist down there.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Dorothy Irene, to Mr. Earl D. Tilleman of Three Hills on June 24 at Crossfield Baptist Church.

The Lunans are sporting a new Studebaker Deluxe car.

Word has been received that John Chalmers is on his way home after visiting his kindred in Scotland. Jack sailed on the 17th but intends to do some visiting on this side before returning to Crossfield.

We noticed the name of our own Bill Harrison as having graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College as a Veterinary Surgeon. Congratulations, Bill!

B. F. (Bud) Kiernan was rushed to Calgary last Thursday for an X-Ray which revealed him to be badly in need of an operation. This was performed the same evening and for a while Bud was in a serious condition. However, he rallied after a few days and is now slowly recovering in the General Hospital.

The basement walls are now in for the new hall and next week should see the East Community hall brought to town. We keep asking for donations but so far they are not coming in very fast. And won't you come in and see if we cannot tell a different story next week?

## Weddings

**SANDER-MARTIN**

**BEISEKER.**— On Monday, May 23, at 10:00 a.m., Father Martin of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Trail, B.C., united in marriage Irene Jeanne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Martin, and Mr. Wendel Sander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Sander, Beiseker.

The bride, beautifully gowned in white satin with veil on train, entered the church on the arm of her father. Her bridesmaid, Miss Levis Schwartzberger, wore a charming dress of blue satin. Their bouquets were of red roses and yellow corn flowers, respectively.

Mr. Joseph Sander of Daughin, Man., acted as groomsmen.

Immediately following the ceremony a breakfast was served at the bride's home, followed by a reception at 7:30 p.m.

For the occasion both the mother of the bride and the groom's mother chose grey silk dresses and wore pink rose corsages.

The bridal couple exchanged gifts, the bride receiving a string of matched pearls and the groom a Parker 61 set.

For their honeymoon, spent at Beiseker, the bride chose as her going-away ensemble a grey pin-stripe suit with shell pink accessories.

The Alaska Highway is 1,600 miles long.



**WILLIAM D. MACDONALD**  
M.S.C., B.S.A.

Liberal Candidate for the Bow River Riding

William Duncan MacDonald, M.S.C., B.S.A., well known grain and livestock farmer of the Grain. district is the Liberal candidate for the Bow River riding in the present Dominion election, having been the unanimous choice of a largely attended Liberal convention held at Beiseker.

Mr. MacDonald is the owner of Broadacres farm, which consists of two sections of land and at which a herd of about 60 Shorthorns is maintained and which herd is recognized as one of the very best herds in the province.

"Bill" MacDonald as he is known in all parts of Alberta, after service in the Royal Air Force until the end of the First Great War, entered the University of Alberta and graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in 1922 and in 1924 secured his Master of Science degree.

In addition to his farm operations Mr. MacDonald has always found time for community enterprises and has served on Provincial and Dominion Boards with distinction. He was secretary of the Alberta Shorthorn Breeders Association for two years, while for 19 years he was on their board of directors, and in 1940 he was elected a director of the Canadian Shorthorn Breeders Association. In 1948 he was presented with the Canadian Council on Boys and Girls Club Work Leadership Award for his services as Club Leader of Junior Clubs over a period of 17 years, while his neighbors have seen fit to nominate the MacDonald farm.

## C.W.L. Holds Monthly Confab

**CROSSFIELD.**— The regular monthly meeting of the C.W.L. was held on May 26 at the home of Mrs. J. Lennon. Mrs. G. R. Wickerson, one of our past-presidents, was present, and a most welcome visitor.

A letter of thanks from Mrs. Stevens was read, expressing her thanks for the lovely afternoon she spent with us at the last meeting. Also a card of thanks was read from Mrs. Benoit, expressing her thanks for the attention she received during her recent illness.

Mrs. Leon Mason was chosen as delegate to attend the Diocesan Convention to be held in Calgary June 16-17-18.

The attendance prize was won by Mrs. A. Mason. Mrs. Mervin Stafford will be hostess for the next meeting on June 23.

## Beiseker Personals

**BEISEKER.**— Mrs. Peter Zacher of Calgary spent a few days with her mother, Mrs. Tom Hagel.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hagel and family were Calgary visitors for a few days.

## Our Regrets:

We are sorry that this issue of the paper is late. We took on the job of printing over 10,000 names of voters' lists on the strength of promises of extra printers' help which at the last minute was not forthcoming. Hence the regrettable delay in releasing this week's issue of the paper.

**Deborah Pae,**  
Asst. Publisher.

illegally for the Master Farmer Family

He is on the Board of Governors of Mount Royal College, Calgary, an active member of the Calgary Board of Trade, and a director of the Drumheller District Agricultural Society.

After graduating from University, Mr. MacDonald married Miss Pearl Margaret Smith and they established their home on the Macdonald farm, which is just south of Granger and which his father, John MacDonald's time and his own, has been noted for its hospitality. Their family consists of one daughter and three sons, while Broadacres is a family farm operated under the name of W. D. MacDonald and Sons.

## Junior Calf Club Meeting

**CROSSFIELD.**— Six beef clubs, Carstairs, Crossfield, Madden, West Didsbury, Juliet and Olds, held a field day at the Schielke farm, Sunday last. Over 200 gathered at the farm at noon and enjoyed a picnic lunch on the beautiful lawns. Coffee was served by the hostess.

Hugh McPhail, district agriculturalist, was master of ceremonies. He introduced the following club leaders or deputies: E. A. Price, Crossfield; J. H. Havena, Madden; E. Turner, Carstairs; Alex Robertson, West Didsbury; L. Hayne, Juliet; G. Johnson, Olds. These all spoke briefly and expressed their appreciation for the privilege of being able to hold their field day at so splendid a farmstead.

Harold Schielke gave a demonstration of washing a calf. Gordon Robertson of showmanship and Donald Robertson, of curling. All three made an excellent job. Three classes of purebred Hereford females were judged and Hector McDonald of Crossfield made a very thorough job of placing the classes and giving his reasons for the placings. About 90 boys and girls took part in the judging.

The Carstairs Board of Trade will again sponsor the show and sale of these clubs to be held at Carstairs on June 3. They have done a wonderful job for the several years it has been held at Carstairs.

Mr. M. H. C. Ford, president of this organization, states that the members get a great deal of pleasure in so conducting the annual fair, because they felt that the rural youth were receiving very valuable training through club work.

Mrs. German is visiting relatives in the U.S.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Berreth have left for a holiday in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schwartzberger and Wayne were week-end visitors in Beiseker.

The Columbia Club held its monthly meeting on May 29. It was decided to do some work on the parish graveyard on Wednesday, June 8.

The C.W.L. met on Thursday, May 26. At this meeting Mrs. E. B. Hagel, president, was chosen to act as delegate at the annual C.W.L. convention held in Calgary, June 16-17-18.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendel Leibel of South Dakota spent a week with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schmalts, Sr. Also Mr. and Mrs. P. Belger spent several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Schmalts.

On Thursday, May 26, a number of the sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schmalts, Sr., gathered at the latter's home to honor Mr. and Mrs. Leibel and Mr. and Mrs. Belger who were about to return to their homes in the U.S.

Beiseker Senior ball team won an 8-7 victory over Trochu, Sunday. Pitching for Beiseker was L. Schmalts and M. Brown and Leibel caught. The game was held in Trochu.

The German United Church which at present is located three miles east of town is being moved into Beiseker. The new site is on Gotlieb Berreth's property opposite the home of Alex Goodman.

## Obituary

**HENRY LUFT**

Funeral services for Henry Luft, 58, 209 7th St. N.E., who died in General Hospital Friday, will be held at the Moravian Church at 2:00 p.m. Monday, with Rev. W. F. Kroening officiating. Burial will be in Union cemetery.

Mr. Luft was born in Saratov, Russia, and lived in Calgary from 1902 to 1914. He farmed at Didsbury for one year and at Carleton for 33 years, returning to Calgary in 1948. He was a member of the Moravian Church.

He is survived by his widow, Maria; three daughters, Mrs. H. J. Gimbel, Carleton; Mrs. Herbert Hehr, and Mrs. Fred Elhardt, both of Crossfield; two sons, Victor, Carleton and Carl, Carstairs; four brothers, John Bottel, Alex, Philip and Victor of Didsbury; three sisters, Mrs. Alex Befus, Langdon; Mrs. Henry Gerlitz, Calgary, and Lily Luft, Didsbury; and seven grandchildren.

Jacques funeral home is in charge.

## Junior Highlights

**BEISEKER.**— Many of the Beiseker high school students motored to Acme for a grand "Kid-dies' Day" on May 24. The girls' softball teams were very successful in the day's events. A 16-and-under team defeated Acme with a score of 25-15.

The High School girls captured first prize when they defeated Carleton with a score of 20 to 5. Our boys, however, were rather unfortunate as they were defeated by Carleton with a score of 8-2.

Although the rain disturbed some of the day's events, the students had a very enjoyable time.



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### VEINER & MCGORMAN, TWO POPULAR LIBERALS, NOMINATED

Two popular and able Liberal nominees well into the campaign saddle are Harry Veiner of Brooks, candidate for Medicine Hat, and Mr. McGorman of Penhold, candidate for Red Deer. With these total nominations for Alberta seats at Ottawa to date are 16.

Carrying the enthusiastic April 12th Medicine Hat convention on the first ballot, live-wire Harry Veiner received a great ovation from the 800 attending—the largest number ever to attend a Medicine Hat political convention.

Born 45 years ago in Dysart, Sask., Harry took his early education in that province and then attended St. John's College and Wesley College in Winnipeg. Later, while homesteading with his dad, Mr. I. Veiner, at Lipton, Harry took time out to establish a unique record of stamina and accomplishment in the athletic circles of Regina.

In one day, in the early thirties, he won the Leader-Post Trophy for a 12-mile marathon, took the 440-yard sprint four hours later, the 100-yard dash half an hour after that and then, to emboss his crown, played in a soccer match.

Rugby, however, was his real love. Playing three seasons with the Regina Roughriders he did not retire from active competition until 1937, then a member of the Medicine Hat senior squad.

In 1939 Harry leapt to enlist from the SAR reserve and made his way to become district inspector of catering for M.D. 13. His superiors maintain that in this capacity Mr. Veiner saved the Canadian government millions of dollars through elimination of waste in food handling throughout military and prisoner of war camps located in Alberta.

Discharged in 1946 with the rank of major, Harry has since



Mr. McGorman, Penhold



Harry Veiner, Brooks

operated ranches and sheep, beef and dairy herds at Brooks and Pollockville. He is married to a Lethbridge girl, the former Miss Fanny Keel, and they have two daughters.

A go-getter from "go" to "getter", Harry Veiner is well worthy of the enthusiastic Liberals who nominated him to carry their banner into the federal field. His ability, stamina, sportsmanship and determination already so ably demonstrated in his civilian, military, and athletic activities, especially fit him for the task at hand.

At the nominating convention at Innisfail on March 9th, Albert Bliss McGorman, Penhold, was chosen to stand as Liberal candidate for the Red Deer federal riding.

A farmer by preference, Mr. McGorman has ever taken an active and productive part in the affairs of his district. He was born of Irish stock in Albert county, New Brunswick, in 1885 and was educated there.

With his father and two sisters he moved to a farm near Innisfail in 1905. Married in 1914, he con-

tinued farming until 1918 when he was forced to move to B.C. because of his wife's health.

Two years later saw Mr. McGorman's return to Alberta and in 1930 he and his wife settled in Penhold where they still reside on the farm which, for reasons of health, he has been forced to rent.

Mr. McGorman's public activities have been wide and various: a member of the Penhold School Board for several years and its chairman for a time, an elder in the Presbyterian Church since 1912, president of the Agricultural Society in Innisfail for several years, and an off-time judge of livestock in his early days.

In addition Mr. McGorman has taken a keen interest in U.F.A. activities. For seven years he was director of the association and presented the brief for the U.F.A. at the Freight Rates Enquiry in Edmonton in 1947.

Once a gold medal man from the Agricultural Short Course at Olds, Albert Bliss McGorman fares well to being the gold medal candidate for the federal riding of Red Deer.

### ALBERTA LIBRARIANS PROTEST REDUCTION OF BOOK GRANTS

Alberta's librarians meeting in Calgary last week, protested the provincial government's reduction of book grants.

Delegates to the Alberta Library Association's annual conference object to a reduction from \$500 to \$300 in government grants.

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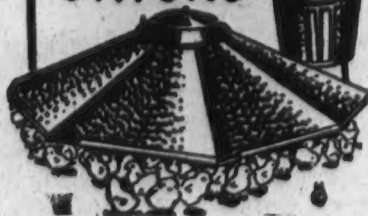
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### Rail Passengers' Fares Increased By 15 Per Cent

Passengers on Canada's slow-moving trains began to pay as much as 15 per cent more on first class tickets last week.

After midnight last Tuesday, first-class passengers paid increased fares. The boost was approved by the transport board.

Repeal of the federal transportation tax in March's federal budget set off a chain reaction which ended up with railway passengers no better off than before.

#### COACH FARES

Following the repeal of the transport tax, railways automatically increased coach class fares by 15 per cent. Because the coach class fares were substandard, no transport approval was needed to raise them. Pending approval by the transport board of the latest increase, coach class and first class fares have been the same since the former were raised, effective April 10.

Railway spokesmen were quick to assure commuters that the full 15 per cent boost will not apply on all overall basis. Long transcontinental trips from Halifax to Vancouver will not be greatly affected by the increase. Example: an increase of only 85 cents in a ticket from Edmonton to Halifax.

#### SHORT TRIPS

Brunt of the increase appears to have fallen on local fares where there is no competition factor. Travellers taking short trips to

points inside Alberta and to centres in Saskatchewan and B.C. will absorb the greatest part of the passenger fare increases.

Differences in increases are governed mainly by competition with U.S. rail rates, and it is not likely that fares to U.S. points will be changed at all.

Examples of how Edmonton and Northern Albert travellers will be affected is shown below:

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Saskatoon	\$11.25	\$12.85
Vancouver	29.70	32.83
Calgary	6.75	7.60
Montreal	74.10	74.95

### Yellowhead Route Takes Back Seat To South Road

Disappointed boosters of the northern Yellowhead route of Canada's non-existent transcontinental highway, were given a bit of consolation by Hon. James A. MacKinnon, minister without portfolio last week.

Soothing the decision of the four western provinces to build the projected highway over the Kicking Horse Pass and the southern route, Mr. MacKinnon told disconsolate Edmontonians that the

Yellowhead might be an alternative route in the future.

#### TWO HIGHWAYS

"In my opinion there will be a couple of highways ultimately," he said. "I feel that the Yellowhead will be developed as an alternate route."

In the meantime a special conference of provincial highway ministers on the route question was scheduled for Ottawa in July. Although the southern route was decided on as a general agreement, details still had to be worked out.

At any rate, final adoption of the south plan would not be approved by all the parties until a great deal of discussion has taken place. Although the federal government has left the matter to the provinces, federal representatives will probably sit in on negotiations.

In spite of negotiations aimed towards the southern route, the Yellowhead's backers in the west are not taking things lying down. Gritted Edmonton's scrappy Edmonton Bulletin: "The Yellowhead must have primary consideration because of its tourist, military and economic advantages . . . The claims of the Yellowhead to first considera-

tion are so incontrovertible, and so unanswerable that it is difficult to imagine intelligent men even giving a thought to any other choice."

Further west automobile caravan from McBride, B.C., and Jasper met on the Yellowhead highway to officially open the west road for the season.

The enthusiastic motorists built up soft spots in the road as they drove along and even replanked five bridges while they were on their way. At Lamming Mills, B.C., volunteers offered to gravel the Dennison hill at Mount Robson. It looked as if the secondary Yellowhead route would be in the hands of volunteer workers for some time to come.

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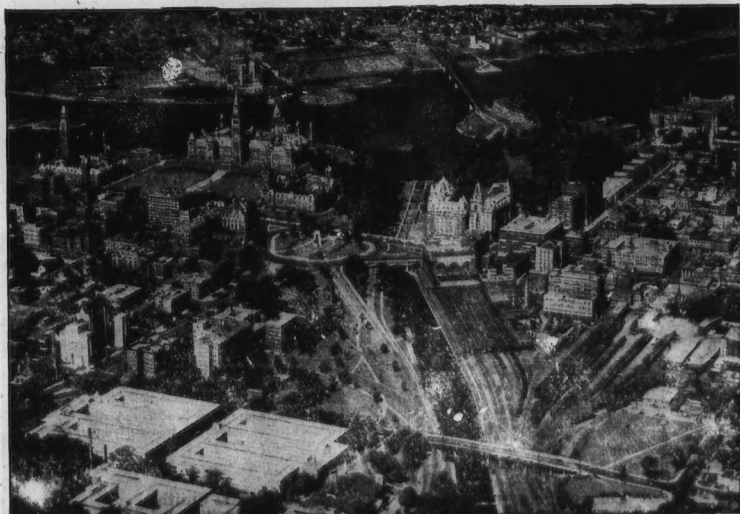
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## Peter Schmaltz Reports

**BEISEKER** — Mrs. Schmaltz and myself left for Schounavan, Sask., on May 13th to visit our son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wilf Hogg. The trip was very interesting but the country was very dry. We arrived in Schounavan that evening. Our trip took us through Medicine Hat, Maple Creek, Gull Lake and then south to Schounavan.

Schounavan is a very nice little village with a population of 2,000. Mr. Wilf Hogg is manager of the Canadian Pacific Transportation Company at that point.

We left Schounavan on May 16th and drove to Medicine Hat where we stopped over night with my cousin, Peter Schmaltz.

It rained all that night and on Tuesday due to road conditions

east of Brooks we took the road by way of Lethbridge and Macleod. We encountered lots of slush and mud, but after we got to Taber we had hard surface to Langdon Corner.

South of High River we saw about six inches of snow.

Peter, Matt and Frank Schmaltz and F. A. Lount attended an executive meeting at Drumheller on Friday, May 27th. This was in connection with our Liberal candidate for Bow River, Mr. William McDonald.

Henry Reifsnnyder is busy setting up Massey-Harris combines for Beiseker Motors. I would suggest he make sure all nuts are tight. But the supervisor, J. E. Klem, will see to this.

Peter Ternes was kicked off the diamond by the little fellows at the softball game. Serves you right Peter you should give the other kids a chance!

Watch for posters of a Liberal meeting to be held soon. It is hoped that the Liberal Leader J. Harper Prowse will be the speaker.

Val Schmaltz, the new National agent, is out every night seeking instructions from his opposition on how to grade and take enough dockage so that he can break even.

## May 24th Dance

**BEISEKER** — The Acme B. P. O. E. lodge sponsored a dance in Beiseker Community hall on Tuesday, May 24th. The dance was well attended. All's Rythm Rascals from Trochu supplied the music. Lunch was served by the Acme Ladies of the Royal Purple in the banquet hall.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Village Council will be held in the

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### Soil Drifting—Emergency Control Methods

Soil drifting, reminiscent of the "windy thirties" is taking place in many areas of the Prairie Provinces this spring. Thousands of acres, which were farmed in stripes during the dry years, and on which a trash cover was kept with meticulous care, are now being farmed in large blocks with little or no attempt made to provide a protective cover. The important immediate question is, of course, "What can be done this year to reduce the loss of soil from drifting fields?"

**Focal Points Important.** Soil drifting usually starts from small patches or focal points in a field. If action is taken quickly, spreading a load of coarse manure or straw on these particular points or centres may prevent severe drifting on whole fields. A load of straw, if properly spread, will cover a surprisingly large area. A thin layer of straw on a field is very effective in keeping the soil where it belongs. Flooding furrows about a rod apart at right angles to the prevailing wind is quite effective in stopping drifting.

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Adapting the one-way to listing is done by removing a sufficient number of discs so that those remaining are spaced 3½ to 4 feet apart. Emergency methods in soil drifting control are valuable. They can prevent serious damage on unprotected fields. A carefully planned, permanent soil drifting control program, however, is much better. Plan today to save soil tomorrow.

record of May 10 set in 1946.

The Peace has forced its way through ice at the western end of Lake Athabasca by pushing a steel barge as an ice-breaker. Breaking up of the ice on the western end opened the way for the clearing of the western part of the lake for transportation. A strong wind blew up the waves and moved the loose ice to the eastern end of the lake.

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## East Rumbings Herald Election

**Parties Square Off in East; Soared Open Alberta Race**

Rumbings of the coming federal election battle were heard from eastern Canada this week, when westerners still in the midst of nominating conventions, would not hear any of the big guns until later in the month.

Only exception was Social Credit leader Solon Low, who came home to keep Albertans voting the Social Credit ticket. On May 9 he told Edmonton newsmen the major election issue will be social security; on May 13 he told radio

listeners the major issue was finance (i.e. social credit).

On May 14 the Soared leader plunked himself down in Grande Prairie and began campaigning in earnest. Speaking to northern Albertans Mr. Low griped: (a) the Liberals had "rushed" the election, (b) that there was a whispering campaign afoot, and (c) old age pensions were "niggardly". (Old age pension in Alberta: \$40).

**MUD PUDDLE**

Mr. Low also told his listeners that he did not have a rumored \$1,000 swimming pool and that the only one he possessed was a "mud puddle in my backyard."

Nominating for Alberta ridings continued at a rapid pace and 53 hopefuls were put forward to contest the province's 17 seats. Edmonton's Conservatives put in a prominent citizen, Ray Milner, as a strong contender, while the Liberals returned by backing the equally strong contender, George Prudham, for Edmonton West.

Most eager group in Alberta appeared to be the Soareds who had nominated full slates for all 17 seats by last Saturday.

**HOT RACE**

Albertans studying the rumbings from the east saw beginnings of a fiery election race. Both CCF and Conservative bigwigs M. J. Coldwell and George Drew moved into the Maritimes to sell their wares to the bluesmen. Just before George Drew moved into Halifax for his campaign on May 16, Prime Minister St. Laurent wound up his Maritime tour and moved out.

During his Maritime tour the Prime Minister quietly explained to voters how Liberal government policies had kept Canada with its feet on the ground during post-war inflation and how government policies would continue to bolster the nation. The prime minister aptly summed up the situation: "There are no great issues of policy (at stake) because (our opponents) have no policy of their own."

**LONG-HAIRED BOYS**

Left-winger M. J. Coldwell confined his remarks to attacks on



**ALFRED ARNSTON**  
C.C.F. candidate of Camrose is pictured above. He will soon be making a tour of this district.

farm policy and snapped at the government for failing to provide a "uniform marketing legislation." Right-winger, volatile George Drew, mouthed colorful phrases about "long-haired boys in ivory towers" (i.e. the government) and tried to shock his audiences by telling them that the government had power to seize farm products and to nationalize the steel and lumber industries.

In a bid for Maritime votes Drew told audiences the government had avoided discussions on the fishing industry.

At any rate it looked as though the country would soon be littered with dead fish before June 27 rolled around.

**City Threatens To Form Own Trucking Firm**

Edmonton's stodgy civic administration got tough last week and threatened to form its own hauling company if private trucking firms continued to press for increased hauling rates.

City commissioners advised last week's council meeting to buy its

own hauling equipment if rates being paid to truckers hauling for the city had to be increased.

The truckers had filed an application to have the hauling rate increased from 9.23 cents to 10 cents per-ton-mile. City commissioners said the present 9.23 cent rate was greater than the 13 cents per-yard-mile rate paid by the Alberta government. Furthermore, the commissioners claimed, the government rate carried a downward sliding scale as hauling distance increased.

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BEISEKER. — We wish to draw attention to all Lion members of the election meeting on June 6. Needless to say this is an important meeting and all Lions should be in attendance if at all possible.

A bouquet of roses to Lion K. A. Wright who again has been nominated to fill the difficult position of secretary-treasurer of the Beiseker Lions Club. Although this is only his second year as a member of the Beiseker Lions Club, he has held this position practically from the time he became a member of the club, and we hope, will continue in this capacity for at least the ensuing year. There is no doubt that he again will fill this important position and that his election will be unanimous.

We understand that Vice-President Lion Leo Schmaltz has been nominated to fill the president's chair for the coming year. You know, some sociable individual once said, "Get acquainted with your neighbor—you may like him," and we believe that individual was Lion Leo Schmaltz. He has everything that goes to make a good Lion. We are sure no further comment is necessary.

Lion Alf Scheffelsmaier has been nominated for the office of Lion Tamer. A little advice, Lion Alf. There are a lot of potential good singers among the members, the job is to find them and coax them into letting their voices go. Now, Lions, a little co-operation on your part makes a Lion Tamer's life a little easier.

What do you know? Nominations for Tall Twister have been accepted by Lions Felix "Soup" Schmaltz and Don Smith. Which ever one is elected, watch out for him boys, they are both tough, and fines will be heavy if you don't watch out.

Lions Bill Rempel and Bill Tidy have been nominated for the office of vice-president. The first-named Lion, we believe, is more qualified to fill this office, being the senior member. However, we will know who is going to be our next vice-president after June 6.

Did you know that the Beiseker Lions Club sponsors our local picture show every Friday and Saturday in the Beiseker Memorial hall? Well, it's a fact. Under the capable chairmanship of Lion Bill Rempel, Lion Alf Scheffelsmaier as secretary-treasurer and Lion Nick Schmaltz as projector operator, this Lions venture can be declared a success in contributing entertainment and education to the people of Beiseker and district.

Good pictures have been selected and no expense has been spared to bring this class of entertainment to both young and old. There is no doubt that the picture show is becoming quite popular. No matter what type of picture you like, Western, Musical Drama or Comedy, you will get your choice.

The following pictures are listed to be shown at Beiseker in the near future: "Lone Star Pioneer," June 10-11; "Black Beauty," June 17-18; "Practically Yours," June 24-25; "Home Sweet Homicide," July 1-2.

Watch for your choice of picture and date of showing.

The car contest sponsored by the Beiseker Lions Club in aid of the Memorial Hall is still going strong but we have a long way to go yet so get behind it, all Lion members and keep plugging.

Guess that's all for this week. Look for Lion news next week!  
Anon.

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huge crowd frolicked through an evening of great fun full of "Honor your partner!" "Heel, toe and away we go," etc.

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